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Education:

Ph.D., American History, University of Chicago, 1993
M.A., American History, University of Chicago, 1986
B.A., Brigham Young University, 1974

Teaching Experience:

Associate Professor, Brigham Young University, 1997 to present (tenured 2002)
Courses taught: American Heritage; U.S. to 1877; U.S. 1815-1848; Travel and Tourism in America; Civil War America; Agrarian America; Slavery in America; Senior Thesis.
Graduate Seminars: Sources and Problems in 19th C. U.S History
Assistant Professor, St. Cloud State University, 1993-1997

Honors and Awards:

Michael P. Malone Award, Western History Association, 2007 for “Branding Utah”
Best Utah History Article Award, Utah State History, 2007 for “Branding Utah”
Mayor’s Award in the Humanities, Salt Lake County and Utah Humanities Council, 2006.
Mollie and Karl G. Butler Young Scholar Award in Western Studies, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University.
Visiting Fellowship, Institute for the Study of the American West, Autry Museum of Western Heritage, Los Angeles, California, May-June 2003.
Research Grant, College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences, Brigham Young University, 2001
Camilla Eyring Kimball Endowment Award for Faculty Research, College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences, Brigham Young University, 1997-98
Research Grant, College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences, BYU, 1997-98
Faculty Research Grants, St. Cloud State University, 1994-95, 1995-96
Q7 Multicultural Perspectives Award, St. Cloud State University, 1994-95
Harry Barnard Dissertation Year Fellowship in American History, Univ. of Chicago, 1991-92
Century Scholar (full tuition), University of Chicago, 1985-89

Publications:

Our Common Country: Family Farming, Culture, and Community in the Nineteenth-Century Midwest (Indiana University Press, 2001).

Are We There Yet? The Golden Age of American Family Vacations, in press, University Press of Kansas, forthcoming May 2008.

Articles:

“As Seen on TV: How kiddie Westerns invented the cowboy hero and modern merchandising,” *Convergence* (Autry National Center Magazine) Fall 2007, 16-23.

“Conflict in the Countryside: Rural communities in the 1840s Mormon War,” *Illinois Heritage*, May-June 2007, 6-9.

“Branding Utah: Industrial Tourism in the Postwar American West,” *Western Historical Quarterly* 37 No. 4 (Winter 2006): 445-72.

“Civilizing the Countryside: Class, Gender and Crime in Nineteenth Century Rural Illinois,” *Agricultural History* 76 No. 1 (Winter 2002): 58-81.

“Awful Calamities Now Upon Us”: The Civil War in Fountain Green, Illinois,” *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, Vol. 93 No. 1 (Spring 2000): 9-42.

"Conflict in the Countryside: The Mormon Settlement at Macedonia, Illinois," *Brigham Young University Studies* 32 (Winter and Spring 1992): 149-74.

"Creating a Farm Community: Fountain Green Township, 1825-1840," *Western Illinois Regional Studies* 13 (Fall 1990): 5-20.

"Being Born in Chicago," *Chicago History Magazine* 15 (Winter 1986-87): 4-21; reprinted in *A Wild Kind of Boldness: The Chicago History Reader*, ed. Rosemary K. Adams (Chicago Historical Society, 1998).

“Patty Bartlett Sessions: More than a Midwife,” in *Sister Saints*, ed. Vicky Burgess-Olson, (Brigham Young University Press, 1978), 303-22.

Encyclopedia Articles:

“Nineteenth Century Americans” in *The American Midwest: An Interpretive Encyclopedia*, Richard Sisson, Christian Zacher, and Andrew Cayton, eds. (Indiana University Press, 2006), 190-93.

“Family and Kinship,” in *The American Midwest: An Interpretive Encyclopedia*, ed. Richard Sisson, Christian Zacher, and Andrew Cayton, (Indiana University Press, 2006), 1027-29.

“Prairie Farmer,” in *Encyclopedia of Chicago*, ed. James R. Grossman et al. (University of Chicago Press, 2004), 645.

“Pastoralism and the Rural Ideal,” *Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History*, Peter W. Williams and Mary Kupiec Cayton, eds. (Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2001), Vol. II, 453-461.

“Mormons,” *The Encyclopedia of the American Civil War*, David S. Heidler and Jeanne T. Heidler, eds (ABC-CLIO, 2000), Vol. III, 1363-1364.

Book Reviews:

- At Home in the Hoosier Hills: Agriculture, Politics, and Religion in Southern Indiana, 1810-1870*, by Richard F. Nation, *Journal of American History* 93 (March 2007), 1231-2.
- Junius and Joseph: Presidential Politics and the Assassination of the First Mormon Prophet*, by Robert S. Wicks and Fred R. Foister, *BYU Studies* 45 no. 4 (2006): 162-164.
- Childhood on the Farm: Work, Play, and Coming of Age in the Midwest* by Pamela Riney Kehrberg, *Pacific Historical Review* 75 No. 4 (Nov. 2006), 683-4.
- Women of the Northern Plains: Gender and Settlement on the Homestead Frontier, 1870-1930*, by Barbara Handy-Marchello, *Minnesota History* 50 (Spring 2006), 40-41.
- Doing the Town: The Rise of Urban Tourism in the United States, 1850-1915* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001) in *Origins* (Newsletter, Newberry Library), Vol. XVI, No. 2 (Spring 2003), 1.
- Sacred Places: A Comprehensive Guide to Early LDS Historical Sites, vol. 3, Ohio and Illinois*, by Keith W. Perkins and Donald Q. Cannon (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book) in *Journal of Mormon History* (Fall 2002): 190-191.
- Provincial Lives: Middle-Class Experience in the Antebellum Middle West*, by Timothy R. Mahoney (New York: Cambridge University Press) in *Annals of Iowa*, 59 No. 4 (Fall 2000), 417-418.
- Main Street Blues: The Decline of Small-Town America*, by Richard Davies (Columbus: Ohio State University Press, 1998) in *Pacific Historical Review* 69 No. 2 (May 2000): 324-25.
- Mormon Midwife: The 1846-1888 Diaries of Patty Bartlett Sessions*, edited by Donna Toland Smart (Logan: Utah State University Press, 1997) and *Winter Quarters: The 1846-1848 Life Writings of Mary Haskin Parker Richards*, edited by Maurine Carr Ward (Logan: Utah State University Press, 1996) in *Western Historical Quarterly* XXIX No. 4 (Winter 1998): 540-41.
- Ordinary Life, Festival Days: Aesthetics in the Midwestern County Fair*, by Leslie Prosterman (Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1995) in *Journal of Sport History* Vol 25 No. 2 (Summer 1998): 350-351.
- The Minds of the West: Ethnocultural Evolution in the Rural Middle West, 1830-1917*, by Jon Gjerde (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1997), online review for H-Rural, January 7, 1998.
- What Trouble I Have Seen: A History of Violence against Wives*, by David Peterson Del Mar (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1996) in *Journal of Family History*, Vol. 22 No. 3 (July 1997): 354-55.
- "*And Prairie Dogs Weren't Kosher*": *Jewish Women in the Upper Midwest Since 1855*, by Linda Mack Schloff (St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 1996) in *Feminist Collections*, Vol. 18 No. 4 (Summer 1997): 3-4.
- "Transformations Great and Small," review essay of *Transforming Rural Life: Dairying Families and Agricultural Change, 1820-1885*, by Sally McMurry (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1995); *Preserving the Family Farm: Women, Community, and the Foundations of*

- Agribusiness in the Midwest, 1900-1940*, by Mary Neth (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1995); *The Transformation of Rural Life: Southern Illinois, 1890-1990*, by Jane Adams (University of North Carolina Press, 1994) in *Annals of Iowa* 55, No. 1 (Winter 1996): 46-54.
- Making the Corn Belt: A Geographical History of Middle-Western Agriculture*, by John C. Hudson (Univ. of Indiana, 1994), in *Technology and Culture* (January 1996): 362-63.
- Preserving the Family Farm: Women, Community, and the Foundations of Agribusiness in the Midwest, 1900-1940*, by Mary Neth (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1995) in *Minnesota History* 54/7 (Fall 1995): 324.
- Eggs in the Coffee, Sheep in the Corn: My 17 Years as a Farmwife*, by Marjorie Myers Douglas in *WHOM Newsletter* (Women Historians of the Midwest) 23, No. 3 (July 1995): 5-6.
- "All Will Yet Be Well": The Diary of Sarah Gillespie Huftalen, 1873-1951*, by Suzanne L. Bunkers (Univ. of Iowa Press, 1993) in *Western Historical Quarterly* 26 No. 2 (Summer 1995): 231-32.
- A Prairie Populist: The Memoirs of Luna Kellie*, ed. Jane Taylor Nelson (University of Iowa Press, 1992) in *Great Plains Quarterly* 14 No. 4 (Fall 1994): 302-303.
- Isaac Sorensen's History of Mendon [Utah]: A Pioneer Chronicle of a Mormon Settlement*, ed. Doran J. Baker, Charles S. Peterson, Gene A. Ware (Utah State Historical Society, 1988) in *Journal of Mormon History* 20 No. 2 (Fall 1994): 183-186.
- The Agrarian Origins of American Capitalism*, by Allan Kulikoff, (University Press of Virginia, 1992), in *Origins* (Newsletter of the Scholl Center for Family and Community History, Newberry Library) Vol. X Nos. 2 & 3 (Spring/Summer 1994): 11-12.
- Life at Four Corners: Religion, Gender, and Education in a German-Lutheran Community, 1868-1945*, by Carol K. Coburn (University Press of Kansas, 1992) in *Great Plains Research* 4 (February 1994): 164-164.
- Between Memory and Reality: Family and Community in Rural Wisconsin, 1870-1970*, by Jane Marie Pederson, (University of Wisconsin Press, 1992) in *Agricultural History* 67 No. 4 (Fall 1993): 93-94.
- Sunbonnet Sisters: True Stories of Mormon Women and Frontier Life*, by Leonard J. Arrington and Susan Arrington Madsen, in *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 18 (Summer 1985): 191-92.

Public Presentations:

- "Selling Sleep: Motel Iconography in the American West," Annual Meeting of American Historical Association--Pacific Coast Branch, Honolulu, July 2007.
- "Greetings from Utah: Sightseeing in the Fifties," Utah Historical Association, Annual Meeting, (invited keynote for Nifty Fifties Night), Sept. 15, 2006, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- "'Vacation Without Humiliation': African-American Family Travel and the Civil Rights Act of 1964," Turning Points Lecture Series, Utah Valley State College, Feb. 6, 2006
- "The Kid Trade: Children's Television Westerns and Tourism in the Cold War West," Western History Association, Scottsdale, Arizona, Oct. 15, 2005.
- "Branding Utah: Industrial Tourism in the Postwar American West," Shaping the American

- West, Snowbird, Utah, June 9-11, 2005
- “Hoppy, Annie and the Lone Ranger: Kid Western Television Heroes and California’s Theme Parks,” invited lecture to Utah Westerners, Alta Club, Salt Lake City, 18 Jan. 2005.
- “White Lines: Race, Religion and the Postwar Family Vacation,” invited lecture to American Studies Association, Brigham young University, 14 October 2004.
- “‘Vacation without Humiliation’: African-American Family Travel in Postwar America,” Third Annual Great Lakes Rural History Conference, Newberry Library, Chicago, Feb. 7, 2004.
- “The Politics of Sacred Places: Branding Utah for Tourists, From Ski Utah to Temple Square,” AHA-Pacific Coast Branch, August 2003.
- “Gas to Burn and Money to Spare: Family Vacationing in the Postwar West,” Western History Association, San Diego, California, October 2001.
- “The Family Farm and the American Pastoral Tradition,” invited illustrated lecture in series accompanying exhibit, APastoral Utah,” Museum of Art, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, February 23, 2001.
- “American Pastoral: The Family Farm and the Making of the Nation,” OAH Midwestern Regional Conference, Ames, Iowa, August 4, 2000.
- “Mapping American Identities: Rand McNally and the Postwar American Family Vacation,” Meeting of the Popular Culture Association, New Orleans, April 21, 2000.
- “Making the West into the Midwest: The Mormon Conflict in Illinois, 1840-1846,” Western History Association Meetings, St. Paul, October 16, 1997.
- “Making Bodies for the Land: Rural Matriarchy in Nineteenth Century Illinois,” Sixth Conference on Rural and Farm Women in Historical Perspective, Waco, Texas, September 18, 1997.
- “Behind the Farmhouse Curtains: Family Violence, Gender and the Market in Nineteenth Century Illinois,” Third Carleton Conference on Family History, Ottawa, May 17, 1997.
- "Now You See Them, Now You Don't: Small Towns in the Rural Midwest," (invited speaker), Farming and Local History Conference, North Central College, Naperville, Illinois, October 19, 1996.
- "Rural Women's History: Problems and Promises," Northern Great Plains History Conference, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, September 12, 1996.
- "Family Violence and Family Values: The Politics of Rural Households in Illinois, 1850-1880," Tenth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, June 8, 1996.
- "Ironic Consequences: An Urban History of Rural America" (invited lecture), Urban History Seminar, Chicago Historical Society, December 1995.
- "The Corruption of the Countryside: Crime in Late 19th Century Illinois," Social Science History Association, Chicago, Illinois, November 1995.
- "Rereading the Cultures of Rural Capitalism: The Mid-Atlantic Source," Social Science History Association Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, October 1994.
- "Class Struggle? The Rise and Fall of the Grange in Hancock County, Illinois," Northern Great Plains History Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 1994.
- "The Mormon Myth in Hancock County History, 1860-1880," Mormon History Association Meeting, Lamoni, Iowa, May 1993.

"Battered Farm Wives: Family Violence in Rural Illinois, 1850-1880," at Illinois, Beginning with Women ... Histories and Cultures Conference, Urbana, Illinois, March 1993.
"The Unmaking of Fountain Green: Outmigration and Rural Community in Illinois," Social Science History Association Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 1992.
"Farm Wives and Country Girls: Changing Fortunes in Illinois, 1840-1880," Symposium on Rural/Farm Women in Historical Perspective, Davis, California, June 1992.
"Pennsylvania Seed on Prairie Soil: A Scotch-Irish Community in Illinois," Social Science History Association Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 1991.
"Saints and Old Settlers: The Conflict in Hancock County, Illinois, 1840-46," Newberry Seminar in Rural History, Chicago, April 1991.
"Conflict in the Countryside: The Mormon Settlement at Macedonia," Mormon History Association Meetings, Quincy, Illinois, May 1989; and Nauvoo (Illinois) Sesquicentennial Symposium, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, September 1989.

Commentator:

Western History Association, St. Louis, Missouri, Sept. 15, 2006.
Mormon History Association, Provo, Tucson, 2002; Utah 2004; Vermont, 2005; Casper 2006; Salt Lake City, 2007
American Historical Association-Pacific Coast Branch, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 2003
Utah Regional Conference, Phi Alpha Theta, Ogden, Utah, April 2000.
Biennial Phi Alpha Theta Convention, Tampa, Florida, December 1999.
Utah Regional Conference, Phi Alpha Theta, Provo, Utah, April 1999.

Public History:

Member, Utah Heritage Highway 89 Alliance, National Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area
Guest Commentator, "A Forties Christmas," KBYU-FM, December 2007.
Guest Commentator, *State of Affairs*, WFPL (NPR) Louisville, Kentucky, June 15, 2006, "The Family Vacation"
Historical Expert, *The Best Crop: A History of Orchard Farming in the Orem Area*, produced by April Chabries, Theatre and Media Arts, BYU (December 2002).
"Mingling on Main Street: Citizenship and Community in Small Towns, A sponsored by Utah Humanities Council Good Society Program, Draper City, Utah, March 1, 2000.
Director, Central Minnesota Historical Center, St. Cloud State University, 1996-97
"A Fight on Two Fronts: American Women in World War II," Women's History Month Lecture Series, St. Cloud State University, March 27, 1996.
Exhibit Curator, "Jane Addams and Hull-House: A Centennial Celebration," Special Collections, Regenstein Library, University of Chicago, October-November 1989
Exhibit Curator, "Samuel Northrup Harper and the Russia He Knew," Special Collections, Regenstein Library, University of Chicago, November 1989-February 1990
Administrative Assistant, Special Collections, Regenstein Library, University of Chicago, 1980-1982

University Service:

Member, Rank and Status Committee, College of Family, Home and Social Sciences
(Chair 2007-08)

Member, College National Advisory Council (2005-2007)

Chair, U.S. Search Committee, History Department, 2004-05

College Curriculum Council, 2003 to present.

Faculty Advisor, Washington Seminar, Fall 2003

Associate Chair, History Department, BYU, April 2001-2003

Advisory Board, Joseph Fielding Smith Institute, 2002-2003

FHSS Student Awards Committee, 2001-2002

Women's Studies Curriculum Committee, 2001-2002

Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society, Beta Iota Chapter (BYU), 1998-2001
(Recipient of National Best Chapter Award, 1999).

Policy Advisory Committee, BYU History Department, 1999-2000

BYU American Studies Committee, 1999-2000

BYU Studies Academy, 1997-present

Co-chair, BYU History Department Writing Group Seminar, 1998-99

Co-chair, Faculty Research Seminar, History Department, Brigham Young University, 1997-98

University Faculty Research Grants Committee, St. Cloud State University, 1996-97

Departmental Committees on Program and Assessment, Faculty Resource Development, St.
Cloud State University

Faculty-Student Committee on Teaching and Placement, History Department, University of
Chicago, 1991-92

Professional Service:

Review Panel, Landmarks in American History, NEH, 2007

Board Member, Mormon History Association, 2006-2009

Chair, Program Committee, Mormon History Association Meetings, 2005 (Vermont).

Grant Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Landmarks Program, October 2003.

Member, W. Turrentine Jackson Award Committee, American History Association-Pacific Coast
Branch (2001-2004)

Member, Board of Editors, *Journal of Mormon History*, 1993-2002

Member, Article Prize Committee, Urban History Association, 2000

Program Co-Chair, Rural Women's Studies Association Meetings, June 2000, St. Paul,
Minnesota

Everett E. Edwards Award Committee, *Agricultural History*, (1994-99)

Consultant for textbook publishers: McGraw-Hill, Bedford Books, W.W. Norton.

Awards Committee, Minnesota Historical Society Press, *Minnesota History*, 1997

Member, Program Committee, Mormon History Association Meeting, 1997
President (1997); Membership Chair (1996); Vice President (1995)--Women Historians of the
Midwest (WHOM)

Co-Chair, Rural Network, Social Science History Association Program, 1996
Recording Secretary, Chicago Historical Society, Urban History Workshop, 1988-89

Manuscripts peer reviewer for *Annals of Iowa*, *BYU Studies*, *Frontiers*, *Journal of American
History*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Western Historical Quarterly*, *Frontiers*.

Professional Affiliations:

Agricultural History Society
American Historical Association
Coalition for Western Women's History
Mormon History Association
Organization of American Historians
Rural Women's Studies Association
Western History Association

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